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stand rejected as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1 to 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,306,365.

Applicants maintain that the rejected claims are distinct and non-obvious over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,622,699; 6,068,829; 6,296,832, and 6,306,365. Nevertheless, in order to further prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, which disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the subject application that would extend beyond the expiration dates of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,622,699; 6,068,829; 6,296,832, and 6,306,365. In view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the remarks herein and terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,

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